

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Before the "Field of the Invention" section of the specification, please add the following paragraph:

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application relates to and claims priority on United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/409,981 filed September 12, 2002 and entitled "System and Method for Internal Exhaust Gas Recirculation," a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.- -